

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Andrew Bigham S1639

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State of Tennessee, County of McMinn

On this 4th day of September personally appeared in the open Court before the Justices of the County Court of said County, Andrew Bigham, a resident of said county and state, aged about 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States of the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in Mecklenburg County North Carolina in December 1779 as a volunteer in a company of militia commanded by Captain John Sharp, James Tigert Lieutenant and Ensign George Graham, and was attached to the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel John Hampton, Colonel Commandant, and Frederick Hambright, Lt. Col. Declarant marched from Mecklenburg North Carolina on through Camden in South Carolina on the Wateree River to Charleston passing Moncks Corner and was stationed at Charleston three months and was discharged there having served a term for which declarant engaged which was three months. Declarant has no documentary evidence having lost his discharge in the month of March 1780.

Declarant immediately again entered the service as a volunteer in 1780 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina marching from there to Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County North Carolina and there attached himself to Captain Tigert's company and fought in the battle at said Ramsour's Mill. Declarant was also in the battle of King's Mountain and in said Tigert's company having been attached to the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina militia commanded by Colonel John Hampton. Declarant was also in the battle at Beatty's Ford [sic, Cowan's Ford], North Carolina at the time Genl Davidson [William Davidson] was defeated. Declarant was stationed on the left flank at the battle of Guilford [Guilford County Court House] to prevent Cornwallis from passing -- was not immediately in said battle but was in view of the battle ground during the whole of the time. Declarant during the whole of this campaign had no particular or stationed

company, fighting and marching on his own hook at all times, and places where it was necessary for the safety of the country. Declarant was acquainted with Major Sharp, a regular officer, who had lost three fingers and had a great stoppage in his speech, stationed at Charleston at that time. Declarant has no documentary evidence, and was discharged after the battle of Eutaw Springs but was not there, peace having been declared soon after that.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribe the 4th day of September 1832

S/ Andrew Bigham, X his mark

[Abraham Slover, a clergyman, and J. Ruebins Cassaway [signed his name clearly "Reuben Casada"] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Declarant was born in Ireland in the year 1760 -- August 15.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

[Declarant] has no record of his age it being destroyed by the Tories.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Declarant was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina. From Mecklenburg County North Carolina [he] removed to Virginia, Frederick County; from Frederick County back to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina from thence to Greene County Tennessee; from thence to Smith County Tennessee; and from thence to McMinn County where he now resides and has done for the last 10 or 12 years.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Declarant was a volunteer the whole of his term.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Declarant has stated in his former declaration all the officers he can recollect, as well as the general circumstances of his services.

[There is no express acknowledgement in the documents that this interrogatory was put to declarant by the court but it was answered by him at the end of the questioning : 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?]

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

William White, James White, William Allison, James Winters, Joel Johnston, Jacob Plowman, John Roberts, William Brittain, John Wellborn, Thomas Welling, Jesse Walling, John Thornberry, Isaac Walling, James Walling, James Stamphill, William T. McCullie, William Smedy, Robert Williams, Shadrack Williams.

Declarant never received any commission. Received discharges but lost them.

State of Tennessee McMinn County: SS

On this 5th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Samuel Workman one of the Acting justices of the peace for said County and State, Andrew Bigham a resident Citizen of said County who being first duly sworn, doth make this declaration Amendatory of his of the 4th of September 1832 (numbered 23832)

That he entered the service as specified in his second statement served under the Officers therein set forth performed the services therein mentioned and was 22 months in service out of 24, exclusive of his 1st term of service, and received a discharge for 3 months out of that time.

State of Tennessee McMinn County: SS

On this 5th day of June 1833 personally appeared before may the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County of McMinn Andrew Bigham, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period above mentioned, and in the following grades – for one year and 10 months I served as a private volunteer Soldier and for which service I claim a pension.

S/ Andrew Bigham, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 5th day of June 1833

S/ Saml. Workman, JP

State of Tennessee McMinn County: SS

On this 7th day of August 1833 personally appeared Andrew Bigham before may John Miller one of the acting justices of the peace for said County, who being 1st duly sworn, makes this declaration amendatory of his amended declaration of the 5th of June, that he entered the service as by him specified in his 2nd Statement in his Original declaration, performed the service therein set forth, and served in that tour 3 months and received a discharge for the same but lost it.

Sworn to & subscribed or me date above

S/ Andrew Bigham, X his mark

S/ John Miller, JP

State of Tennessee McMinn County: SS

On this 4th day of June 1833 personally appeared William Burnett¹ before me John Miller one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and State and after being duly sworn says he is acquainted with Andrew Bigham the declarant, and that he served with him in that tour first by him stated in a company of militia commanded by Captain John Sharp, Lieutenant James Tigert, & Ensign George Graham, and that declarant and affiant were both attached to the 3rd Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel John Hampton & Frederick Hambright, and affiant states that declarant served as by him set forth in his Declaration and that from affiant's acquaintance with declarant he has full confidence in his statements.

Sworn to and subscribed before made the 4th day of June 1833

S/ William Barnett, X his mark

S/ John Miller, JP

¹ Sic, [William Barnett W1532](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one year & 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]